GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLEGED SEX SLAVERY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 1000 women from Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa are trapped into sex slavery in Britain each year;

(b) if so, the Government`s assessment about the number of Indian women trapped into sex slavery in Britain and other West European countries, America and Gulf countries during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) the names of the Indian States from which these women come from; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Government have seen a press report to this effect in the Indian Express of 31st May, 2000.

(b) Government has no reports of any Indian woman having been trapped into sex-slavery during the relevant periods in Britain or any other West European country. This year, one case (involving an Indian woman) has been reported from United Arab Emirates and another case, involving three Indian women has been detected in the U.S.A.

(c) Kerala (one woman) and Andhra Pradesh (three women).

(d) These are isolated instances. Preventive vigilance is excercised by the concerned authorities.